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SUPPLEMENT

1. The Socialist Cooperative (Sozialistische Arbeitsgemeinschaft), announced in the Neues Deutschland 16 February 1947, will set up a central office in Berlin and liaison offices at party headquarters in the zones. The central office will be in a position to keep the KPD in western Germany in line with present SED doctrines.

25X1A 2. The SED has great hopes for the Socialist Cooperative. It is believed that there is a strong tendency among the workers in the SPD toward a merger, or at least towards cooperation. It is believed that the SPD leaders will have to yield to this will of the workers. In this connection, [redacted] Paul Losbe's recent articles in the Telegraf calling for cooperation, and the appearance of the old SPD functionary, Severing, at the KPD convention in Bielefeld.

25X1A [redacted] Comment: In his latest article in the Telegraf, 27 February 1947, Losbe accepts Anton Ackermann's statements in Neues Deutschland as "a perfectly suitable basis for impartial discussion". Radio Berlin commentators have taken up this sentence and given it wide publicity.

3. The central office has decided that in the west the KPD shall support the SPD in its fight with the CDU. The CDU is the future enemy. The SED intends to open an attack soon on the CDU's "Christian Socialism". The SED will attempt to win over all real democrats in the CDU and get them to leave that party.

4. The SED argues that if the SPD wants to play any role at the Moscow Conference, it must improve its position vis-a-vis the USSR and other eastern countries. It is believed that the SPD needs the help of the SED to accomplish this improvement.

5. The SPD is in danger of becoming isolated and losing members; its hopes for support from the western powers have proved vain. Therefore,

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